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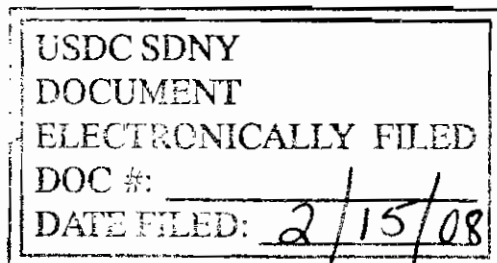
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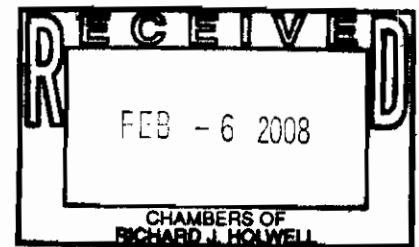
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February 6, 2008

BY HAND

The Honorable Richard J. Holwell
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1950
New York, New York 10007



Re: Jalapa Shipping Ltd. v. Sundersons Ltd., et al.
07 CV 8715 (RJH)
Our Ref. No.: 1593.0003

Dear Judge Holwell:

We represent the Plaintiff in this matter and write to request an additional 60 days to serve the Defendants with a copy of the Summons and Verified Complaint. This is our first request for such relief. The 120-day time limit for service mandated by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) expires on February 6, 2008. While service upon foreign defendants is explicitly exempted from the Rule 4(m) time limit, we make this application in good faith to protect our client's interests.

Plaintiff initiated this action on October 9 2007, seeking security for its maritime claims via an attachment of the Defendants' property in this district pursuant to Supplemental Rule B. The requested Order for Process of Attachment was signed by Your Honor on the same day and subsequently served on New York banks. Although various funds were initially attached, these funds were released from attachment by the Court's order dated January 4, 2008, which found that the funds were property of a non-party, Conti-Agro Nigeria Ltd.

We are currently preparing to file an amended complaint in this matter adding Conti-Agro Nigeria Ltd. as a defendant. We therefore request an additional 60 days, until April 7, 2008, to serve the defendants, including the defendant to be added in the amended complaint.

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We thank the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Applicant - Grated
So ORDERED

Respectfully submitted,

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